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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH COOPERATION IN CANCER RESEARCH

1. DR. PHILIPPE LAUDAT, SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR OF INSERM, PROVIDED EMBASSY SCICON WITH BRIEF REVIEW OF HIS APRIL 21-26 VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS UNDERSTANDINGS OF FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A U.S.-FRENCH PROGRAM ON CANCER RESEARCH. HE MENTIONED THAT FRENCH MINISTER OF HEALTH SIMONEVEIL, WHILE ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE U.S. TO ACCEPT AN HONORARY DOCTORATE, WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER AT 5 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 6. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE LETTERS COVERING THE CREATION OF A STRATEGY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THREE OFFICIALS FROM EACH SIDE, WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUTLINING A PROGRAM OF BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

2. LAUDAT MENTIONED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERVIL TO ALSO MEET THE NEWLY NOMINATED DIRECTOR OF NIH, DR. FREDERICKSON. SCICON OFFERED TO CONVEY HIS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING.

3. EMBASSY SCICON WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ON THE U.S. VIEW OF THE STATUS OF

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THIS PROPOSED COOPERATION, INCLUDING SUCH ASPECTS

AS ITS RELATIONSHIP TO U.S.-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TRAVEL PLANS OF MINISTERVEIL.
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